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1. ON 3 MARCH CHARGE (DCM) TALKED "INFORMALLY" TO FOREIGN
MINISTER ESCOVAR SALOM, INFORMATION MINISTER DIEGO ARRIA, AND
PRESIDENTIAL CONFIDANT AND UNOFFICIAL PRESS ADVISOR EUGENIO SOLER.
TO ALL THREE CHARGE MADE SAME TWO BASIC POINTS WITH THOUGHT THESE
WOULD BE RELAYED TO PRESIDENT PEREZ: (1) VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT
HAD MISREAD NEW YORK TIMES STORY; HAD ATTRIBUTED TO DAVID PHILLIPS.
STATEMENTS APPARENTLY MADE BY OTHERS; HAD OVER-REACTED TO
WHAT SEEMED TO BE AN EFFORT ON PHILLIPS' PART TO BE HELPFUL; AND
(2) THE USG WAS STANDING PAT ON THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER. NO ONE ELSE
WAS SPEAKING, COULD OR WOULD SPEAK FURTHER FOR THE USG ON THIS SUBJECT.
AS FAR AS THE U.S. WAS CONCERNED, ISSUE WAS CLOSED AND WE HOPED
GOV WOULD SEE IT THE SAME WAY.

2. DURING 3 AND EARLY 4 MARCH IT APPEARS THAT THE CHARGE SDO NOT Reproduce
EFFORTS AND TRADITIONALLY SHORT LATIN AMERICAN ATTENTION SPAN
HAVE COMBINED TO GREATLY EASE CRISIS SITUATION OF LAST WEEK. AT

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LEAST AS FAR AS GOV IS CONCERNED. CAP AND GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN HAVE ALL STATED THAT INCIDENT HAS ENDED AND ARE NOW TRYING TO DIVERT ATTENTION TO OTHER SUBJECTS. MEDIA COVERAGE IS RETURNING TO NORMAL WITH STORIES OUT OF HEADLINES AND BACK ON PAGE SIX OR EIGHT, SUPERSEDED BY NIEHOUS CASE, UGANDAN SITUATION, OPEC PRICE HIKE, ETC. UNFORTUNATELY, EVERY VENEZUELAN WEEKLY MAGAZINE HAS LONG ARTICLE (S) ON CIA WHICH ARE, OF COURSE, DEFAMATORY, AND TEND TO WHIP UP PUBLIC ANTIPATHY TOWARDS AGENCY. THEN TOO, THERE IS STILL MATTER OF DEMONSTRATION AGAINST CIA WHICH TWO DAYS AGO CAP SEEMED TO BE INSTIGATING IN TWO MEETINGS WITH JOSE VICENTE RANGEL AND POMPEYO MARQUEZ OF MAS AND JESUS F A R I A OF THE PCV. NEVERTHELESS, ON THE WHOLE, THEINTEREST IN THIS ISSUE SEEMS TO BE DROPPING OFF AND DYING OUT RATHER

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SO, AS CAN BE SEEN BY ALL OF THIS,

THE RELATIVELY EASY OPERATING CONDITIONS OF THE RECENT PAST NO LONGER PERTAIN- PERHAPS THEY NEVER WILL AGAIN- AND WHILE WE ARE NOT BECOMING PARANOID NOR WILL WE BE UNDULY SPOOKED, WE HAVE ADJUSTED TO THE NEW AMBIENTE AND ARE NOW BEING MUCH MORE CONSERVATIVE AND CAUTIOUS IN OUR ACTIVITIES THAN BEFORE.

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